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To the Esteemed Members Of the FCC Review Board:

I am writing as a subscriber to the XM Radio service in regard to the NAB's petition 04-160. I have learned this petition was proposed in response to satellite radio offering traffic and weather updates for certain major cities around the U.S.

I am urging the review panel to reject the petition on the sole grounds that we are paying subscribers.

I choose to pay for XM service for the simple reasons of greater variety and less commercials. Having the traffic and weather service is an additional bonus that I didn't expect. What I do expect is for XM to add new services for their base.

If the concern of the NAB is local emergency information let me relay an example of where XM shines.

Even though I live in Minneapolis MN I was listening to traffic from Los Angeles CA. While the broadcast was underway there happened to be a AMBER alert in progress. What was unique about this AMBER alert is that the description AND license plate number of the vehicle was displayed on my receiver. This life saving information is MORE than reason alone to invest in satellite radio. I'm sure the parents of that child would agree with me.

In short, I pay for this service. I'm a subscriber of my own free will. I am not limited in choice or content. To have the FCC or the NAB's lobby attempt to regulate what I listen to, strike that, pay to listen to with petitions or legislative tricks is plain foolery.

I urge the petition 04-160 be rejected and the people's choice to pay for and listen to what they choose to be solidified.